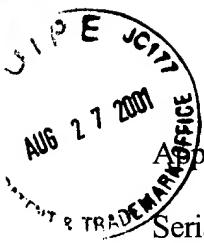


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Applicant: Sun H. YANG et al. Conf: 1895
Serial No.: 09/474,121 Group: 3652
Filed: December 29, 1999 Examiner: T. Tran
For: ELEVATOR SYSTEM WITHOUT MACHINE ROOM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

August 27, 2001

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 27, 2001, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application. A petition for an extension of time is included herein.

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has determined that the above-identified application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Species A, Figs. 1-5;

Species B, Figs. 6-11;

Species C, Figs. 12-17;

Species D, Figs. 18-23; and

Species E, Figs. 24-18.

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Applicants provisionally elect Species C, depicted in Figures 12-17. Claims 1, 3, 6-8, 10, 13-14, 16-18, 20, 24-26 and 29 are directed to the elected species.

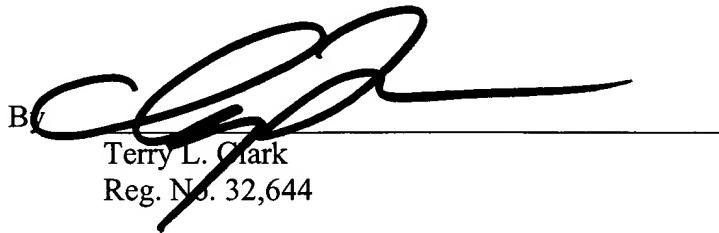
Should there be any pending matters which need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Terry L. Clark (Reg. No. 32,644) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a), the Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month(s) extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$110.00 is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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